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## 1. SIGNS OF POUJADISM IN ITALY

The recent Convention of Small Industries held in Rome was the setting for a full-scale airing of the accumulating grievances of

Italian businessmen against the "anti-private enterprise orientation" of the Segni government, according to the American embassy in Rome. Two cabinet members were hooted down during their speeches. The chief points of attack were the government's fiscal and credit policy, social security payments, new overtime laws, and inadequate customs rebates.

## Comment

Discontent among Italian small businessmen may cause them to be sympathetic to protest movements along the lines of the Poujade movement in France. Poujadist groups have been founded in Rome, Naples, Milan and Bologna, and Poujade reportedly intends to visit Italy in the spring. Local elections are scheduled to be held in early summer.

Otto Strasser, former Nazi leader recently returned from exile to Germany, apparently hopes to establish a similar movement among German extremists and reportedly plans to meet Poujade soon.

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